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Railway Connectivity
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has any plans to provide rail connectivity to various parts of Odisha specially Nayagarh, Kandhamal and other tribal areas of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Railway projects are not sanctioned State-wise or area-wise but are sanctioned zonal Railway-wise as per Railways' own need or on socio-economic development which may straddle over one or more States. However, to improve connectivity and enhance the capacity of Railways, in addition to the ongoing projects falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha, 12 doubling/3rd line/ 4th line projects falling fully/partly in the State of Odisha have been included in the Budget 2015-16 subject to requisite clearance from the Government. Further, two new line projects and two 3rd/4th line projects have also been included in the Budget 2016-17 subject to requisite clearances from the Government.

In addition to this, four new lines and one doubling projects have been included in the Capital Investment Programme for 2016-17 in anticipation of State Government coming forward to take up these projects under Joint Venture. Khurda Road-Bolangir new line project has been taken up which shall provide connectivity to Nayagarh. Sambalpur-Berhampur (240 Km) new line has been included in Capital Investment Programme 2016-17 which will provide connectivity to Kandhamal(Phulbani).

(c): Time-frame for completion of these projects has not been fixed as completion of projects depends upon several factors including availability of funds, complete handing over of encumbrance-free land by the State Government, forestry clearances, shifting of utilities, etc. and most of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways.

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